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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Li *et al.*

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For: **Human G-Protein Coupled
Receptors**

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-21 (22 total claims, two claims were inadvertently listed as claim 4) without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following claims 23-96:

a' -- ~~23.~~ An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid at least 90% identical to 30 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:3.

24. The polynucleotide of claim 23, wherein said nucleic acid is at least 95% identical to 30 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:3.